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Whitehall, September 11.

MR. Richard Lawry, Acting Lieutenant of His Majeſty's Fireſhip the Comet, diſpatched by Rear-Admiral Macbride from Gravelines Pitts, arrived this Afternoon at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, with a Diſpatch from Colonel Sir James Murray, Adjutant-General to the Forces under the Command of His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York, of which the following is a Copy.

Furnes, September 9, 1793.

SIR,

IT is with extreme Sorrow that I have to acquaint you with the unfortunate Event of an Attack which the French Army made upon that of Field-Marſhal Freytag upon the 8th Inſtant. The latter was poſted, as I have had the Honor of informing you, at Hondſchoote, the Right upon the Canal, the Left extending towards Leyrel.

The Enemy had made an Attack the preceding Evening, in which they had been repulſed; but upon that Day attacking upon every Point, notwithſtanding the greateſt Exertions of Bravery in the Troops, and of Ability in General Walmoden, who then commanded them, they ſucceeded in forcing the Center of his Line. He retired behind the ſmall Canal which runs from Bulſam to Steenkirk.

The Loſs has been very ſevere. His Royal Highneſs has not as yet received any Return, nor have any further Particulars been tranſmitted. Many gallant Officers have fallen. The whole Loſs in the different Actions is ſuppoſed to be near 1500 in Killed, Wounded and Miſſing; that of the Enemy has been unqueſtionably greater. Three Pieces of Cannon, and between Two and Three Hundred Priſoners have been taken. I underſtand that the Hanoverians have loſt the ſame Number of Cannon.

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